Swartz Bay Best For Ferry Site

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Swartz Bay is favored by Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi as the Saanich Peninsula terminus of the proposed provincial government ferry service to the mainland.

But, he said in an interview yesterday, if the federal government will include facilities required by the provincial government in the construction of the new wharf at Sidney, "this is the site we would use."

Washington State ferries on the Anacortes run and the Gulf Islands ferries could use the Swartz Bay terminal if it is developed according to provincial government plans at a cost of about $750,000, the minister said.

The federal government should take on this job Mr. Gaglardi said, but the provincial government is prepared to go ahead on its own.

Location at Swartz Bay would not undermine Sidney's position, he said. Extension of Patricia Bay Airport runways will necessitate relocation of the highway, and if the road is placed closer to Sidney, the village would feel no loss by having the terminal at Swartz Bay.

Premier Bennett took the ferry terminal question to Ottawa last weekend and was told that the federal government would give consideration to inclusion of provincial government facilities at Sidney.

HIGHWAYS MINISTER GAGLARDI
. . . Sidney has chance

Mr. Gaglardi favors Tsawwassen Beach as the mainland terminus.

It would be an "expensive" solution — $2,000,000 — to the problem that has the government in a quandary, he said.

"We'd have to build about a mile of causeway with a wharf at the end."

The highways minister listed White Rock as the second choice and then Steveston, with Point Roberts and its U.S. corridor problem down at the bottom.

"We've got to move fast. We should have a decision in a week," he said.

Tsawwassen won Mr. Gaglardi's vote "because it is 10 miles closer than White Rock." Steveston is farther away again.

At White Rock, the existing wharf would have to be rebuilt and an overpass constructed. Cost would be approximately $1,500,000. Facilities needed at Steveston would cost about the same amount.

Mr. Gaglardi said it would take ferries 30 minutes longer each way if White Rock was used instead of Tsawwassen. Fuel costs would also be much higher.

More than 100 Coming

Coast Surgeons Plan Big Meeting

Congenital heart disease, haemorrhage of the brain and a score of other medical subjects will be discussed by more than 100 Canadian and U.S. surgeons expected to attend the Pacific Coast Surgical Association conference Feb. 16 to 18 in the Empress Hotel.

It will be one of the largest conferences of its kind on the continent.

Speakers include Dr. H. R. Robertson, professor of surgery at UBC; Dr. Henry Harkins, professor of surgery at the University of Washington; Dr. William Longmire of the University of California, and association president Dr. Caleb Stone of Seattle.

FAMOUS CATHEDRAL

Canterbury Cathedral in England has noted samples of architecture ranging from the 11th to the 15th centuries.

Travel Merits Money

B.C.'s surveyor-general, Lieut.-Col. G. S. Andrews, told the Canadian Club yesterday it was "too bad more money couldn't be spent on travel scholarships."

Col. Andrews, giving impressions of Southeast Asia gained in Colombo Plan work last year, suggested such scholarships should be available both to young and older persons to enable them to become acquainted with other places and other peoples.

Come home, Joe!

Jubilee Hard-Pressed

Emergency Cases Overtax Resources

Overcrowding reached its worst pitch so far in Royal Jubilee Hospital when oxygen tents were set up in corridors to handle three emergency heart cases.

Dr. Murray Anderson, medical superintendent, said: "So far this year we have been harder pressed for accommodation than ever before, but we're not turning away any emergency cases."

He said two oxygen tents were set up in hallways and one in a treatment room because no beds were immediately available for the emergency heart cases. Several hours later they were moved into rooms vacated by outgoing patients.

"It illustrates our need for the new wing we plan to build to provide necessary accommodation for patients," said Dr. Anderson.

He outlined the situation to the annual meting of the hospital's junior auxiliary.

The hospital board opens a public campaign for funds March 16. If $500,000 is donated by citizens, the board will receive $2,000,000 more from the federal, provincial and municipal governments for the building.

Start on construction will be made by spring and is expected to take two years.

Diggers Find Ancient Bone

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP)—A three-foot-long chunk of bone, believed to be part of a mastodon which died 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 years ago, was found Tuesday on the Southern Oregon College campus.

Groundskeeper Dick Jay came upon the find while digging a drainage ditch.

Science teachers said they think the school site is on the edge of what was once a huge inland sea.

Sommers Case

Socred Hits Delay

Irvine Corbett (SC—Yale) told the legislature yesterday that "it is my belief that this government, the attorney-general and his department should have investigated and taken whatever action was necessary to clear up this matter (the Sommers case) at a much earlier date."

"This, I am sure, would have been better for the government, for this legislature, for the people of this province and for Mr. Sommers and his family. This has been my belief from the beginning."

Mr. Corbett is the man who put up property bail for Robert Sommers, pending his appeal which will be heard in Victoria next week.

Mr. Corbett defended Social Credit with respect to its policy on the new northern extension of the government-owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway and its policy with respect to the B.C. Power Commission.

On labor and unemployment, he urged changes in the Labor Act, declaring:

"It is my belief that changes in the Labor Act are necessary to help bring about industrial peace. I think there is far too much irresponsibility shown and I would suggest . . . legislation that would make unions legal entities.

"If they are to have the power to stop our industries, and I believe they should have that right as a last resource, then they should be responsible bodies in our society."

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